



Chili Cook-Off Rules

1. Contestants may enter as an individual or team, and the cost is \$100.00. Multiple entries may be submitted by a team for \$100.00 per entry.
2. For purposes of this event, chili is defined as any kind of meat, or combination of meats, cooked with chili peppers, various other spices and other ingredients with the exception of fillers such as pasta, beans or rice, which are strictly forbidden.
3. Chili must be made from scratch and **must** be made on site. Cooking may begin any time on February 25, 2017.
4. A prepared three-gallon minimum is required for each entry. You do not want to run out for People's Choice Award.
5. Chili will be judged in the following categories:

A special panel of judges will select winners based on the following criteria: (1) Aroma; (2) Red Color; (3) Consistency; (4) Taste and (5) Aftertaste. Samples of each chili entry will be collected in numbered cups provided to you at registration.

6. Awards

Judge's Choice

1st place cash payout \$300

2nd place cash payout \$150

People's Choice. The public attendees will cast votes for their favorite chili by depositing "vote tokens" in a container provided to each team at the registration table.

1st place cash payout \$150

2nd place cash payout \$75

7. Each team must check in at the registration table the day of the event.
Registration will begin @ 9:00 AM, February 25, 2017.
There will be a team meeting at 10:30 AM (please have at least 1 member from your team attend)
8. A Cook-Off team member will deliver chili to the judge's table @ 1:00PM in the numbered cup provided at registration.
9. Chili will be served to the general public in 4 oz cups provided to you at registration. General Admission is \$5 per person or \$10 per family (limit 6 people per family). A wristband will be provided as proof of purchase for general admission. Purchasers will also receive a "voting token" for the People's Choice Award and one door prize ticket. Spoons and cups will be provided to the teams at time of registration to be given to the individuals with wristbands.
10. When serving chili to the public, no cash may be accepted. Only "wrist banded" individuals may be allowed to taste the chili your team prepares and vote in the Peoples' Choice category. Wristbands & voting tokens will be available at the registration table.

11. A team member must deliver containers with Peoples' Choice tokens to the ACIT table by 3:00 pm.
12. Each team is responsible for completely policing and cleaning up their area at the end of the day and removing all items from the area. No items shall be allowed to remain after the close of the event. Any items remaining after the event will be discarded.
13. **SIDES –**
There are four categories of sides – beans, bread, desserts, & appetizers.
Teams can enter any or all categories and may submit as many sides as they would like for \$20 per entry.
Sides do not have to be cooked on site. Sides must be turned in to the judges table by 2:00 PM.
14. **Sides Awards**
Judge's Choice Best Side – *****1st place cash payout from each category will be determined by the number of entries submitted per category. The payout will be a 50/50 split of the entry money collected for the category. (example: beans have 10 entries x \$20=\$200 collected, 50/50 split = \$100 prize money).
15. **Pre-registration is highly recommended for Chili Cooking Teams.** Please return participant registration forms (with payment) by February 17, 2017, to guarantee your entry. The entry fee does not include a tasting cup. If you would like to taste the other contestants' chili you may purchase a wristband for \$5. However entry fee will include a goodie bag and one door prize ticket per team member.
16. Teams may reserve a spot prior to the event by contacting Kim at Grunts, (361) 547-2276.
(*This is optional, as there should be plenty of space for all teams.*)
17. Teams may set up the day prior to the event.

If you have any questions please contact one of the following:
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